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God's grace to our students and to all of us in the Bryan community is truly a testimony to his faithfulness. And because of this amazing grace, may we "excel in every good work."

Lb. A. L.

Stephen D. Livesay



## "Honoring the college's mission... is the reason the college remains."

One hundred ninety-nine students received diplomas, 23 others were recognized in anticipation of their graduation, and seven "Golden Grads" were recognized on the 50th anniversary of their graduation as Bryan celebrated its 82nd commencement May 7.

Festivities began Friday afternoon, as members of the Class of 1961 met to catch up with each other and to tour the campus. Later, following a dinner in their honor, they prayed for the Class of 2011 at the conclusion of the new graduates' Vespers service.



Dr. Sample addresses the Golden Grads.

During their dinner, Academic Vice President Dr. Bradford Sample, standing in for President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay who was attending his daughter's graduation from nursing school, told the Golden Grads that while the campus has changed, the heart of Bryan College remains the same as in their day.

"If all we are doing is teaching history, math, and other useful subjects, there is no need for Bryan College to exist," he said. Honoring the college's mission, *educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world*, is the reason the college remains. "If we don't do that, we have failed."

But he told the Class of 1961 that the college's commitment to its mission and motto, Christ Above All, remains strong.

And during the Vespers service, he encouraged the Class of 2011 to live their lives in ways that would honor their Lord as well as the Class of 1961 and alumni who have gone before them.

Vespers offered a time for seniors to reflect, with speakers



Kelly Shannon, Drew Abercrombie, and Alison Young agreeing that their time at Bryan has changed them personally and as a group.

"Just knowing you (her classmates) has meant so much to me because that has helped me know myself," Kelly said.

Drew pointed out that the seniors are leaving "to make a new home and make new friends and be a blessing to them."

Alison added, "I came to Bryan to play volleyball. It's amazing how the Lord has changed me."

Dr. Sample told the graduates,

Emily and Jason Hundley put their education to work in Romania before getting down to the business of jobs and life after college.

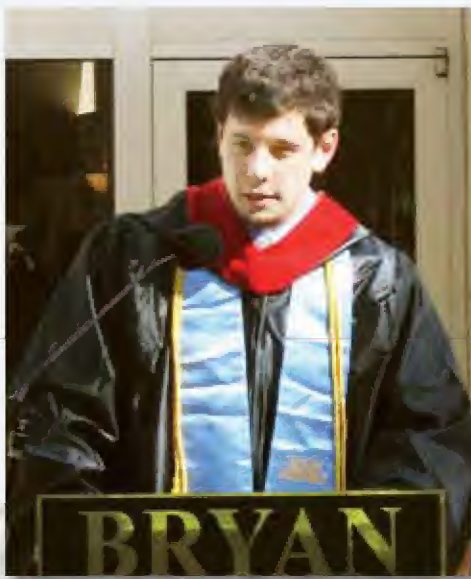
The couple was invited by Molly (Gehring, '10) and David ('09) Sutton to direct a play—in English—in Lasi, Romania, at a school where David's father serves on the board.

"The school is known for teaching English, and the show will be in English," Jason explained. "They want to do a show as an outreach and present the Gospel."

Since they had only a week to work with the cast and build the set, Emily and Jason did as much preliminary work as possible before they left. They said their preparations included collecting costumes and fabric for costumes, designing the set and, once they have the stage dimensions, determining "blocking"—placement of actors on stage for each scene.







*Andrew Zimmerman*

"I hope that you are walking out our doors with a deeper faith in Jesus Christ and will live up to our motto, Christ Above All.

"My charge to you is to be like those of the Class of 1961, many of whom have run the race of life by following Jesus very closely and even now look out over this place and are praying for you.

"In the words of one of my favorite authors, A.W. Tozer, 'Pursue God.' I believe that if you pursue God with all your heart you will have a rich and rewarding life ahead of you, and I don't mean a life of wealth and comfort, but a satisfying life—one lived well—and full of meaning."

On Saturday, for the first time, both the School of Arts and Sciences, comprising the traditional programs of the college, and the School of Adult



*Christina Siebold*

and Graduate Studies, held their separate graduations on the Triangle.

In the morning service, members of the Class of 1961 were presented their Golden Anniversary Diplomas before Andrew Zimmerman, who earned both B.A. and B.S. degrees, delivered his graduation address.

He encouraged his fellow graduates to "seek the questions whose answers have significance to everyone throughout all time. There is a great temptation to focus our lives exclusively on particular events and forget the universal continuity that defines existence."

Second, "value people more than you value accomplishments. We are apt to pursue the success and strength of institutions and forget that they must exist solely

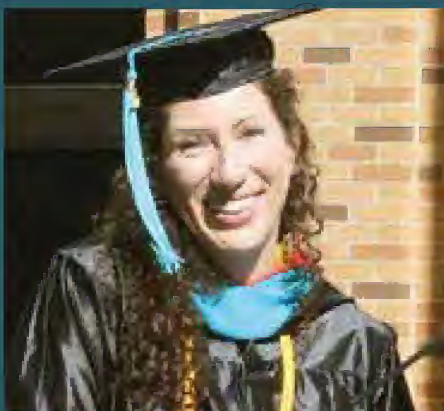


*Carrie Fitzsimmons*

to make humanity more humane.

"Lastly, to have any possibility of making the vapor of life meaningful requires a death to self. Only in giving up on self-aggrandizement, self-fulfillment, and self-sustained security can anyone find enduring purpose. The truth is that our life is far too valuable to waste it by hoarding it on ourselves. We must spend and give it away until there is nothing left."

During the Adult and Graduate Studies commencement Saturday afternoon, Carrie Fitzsimmons, speaking for MBA graduates, said, "When I think about the past 18 months, I often view it in light of David. While the world gave me a list of 'cannots,' God gave me the strength and the courage to fight against unbelief—even when it came from myself. Today, we



While it might not be unusual for a new college graduate to find a government job, **Jandi Heagen** is going to extremes for hers.

Jandi, a politics and government major, will become an assistant to Gardenia Aisek, director of education for Chuuk State in the Federated States of Micronesia.

"Chuuk is a U.S. protectorate and is supposed to conform to U.S. education standards, but their educational system leaves a lot to be desired," Jandi said. "Mrs. Aisek was educated in the United States and has a lot of vision. She is trying to build the educational infrastructure.

"I will be like an executive assistant to Mrs. Aisek, probably travel with her to the outer islands, and do administrative duties for her."

This opportunity came about when a team of administrators from Bryan traveled to Chuuk during the fall semester and met with Mrs. Aisek. Ben Williams, director of the Worldview Initiative, emailed Jandi during that visit "and it just clicked," she said.





# 1962-2011 Golden Grads



From left, Theresa Rynders McKinney, Malcom Herndon, Martha Sides Huston, Frank Huston, Bonnie Mayes Standifer, Jim Fickley, and Lois Williams White

*Congratulations, grads!*

are here to celebrate a remarkable accomplishment because we faced a task head on and we won!"

Degree Completion Program speaker Christina Siebold challenged graduates to extend the support they received during their schooling to others. "Let us actively work to find those in our schools and communities and neighborhoods who need encouragement and support—those working to make a better life for themselves and their families just like we are. Let's share with them the wisdom we have learned here at Bryan."

*Justus Stout*



*Preparing to receive degree*

**Sharon Smythe**, a biology major, traveled to South Africa to put her degree to work before she pursues graduate studies.

Sharon worked as an intern in the Kruger National Park near Hoedspruit, South Africa, assisting in predator-prey analyses, elephant studies, and water table monitoring. Among other things, she will be trying to determine what animals in the park the lions eat and how that affects the prey species.

She worked for two summers at a small zoo and did an internship at the Chattanooga, Tenn., zoo, but had never worked on a research project like this. Her efforts contributed to long-term studies going on in the park.

Long-term, she plans to pursue a graduate degree in conservation or ecology.





# COMMENCEMENT Awards

## P.A. Boyd Prize



**Andrew Zimmerman**      **Jandi Heagen**  
*Highest Scholastic Record 4.0*

## DEGREE COMPLETION RESEARCH AWARD



**Michael Lea**

## Most Progress



**Jenifer Manzo**

## Faithfulness & Loyalty Award

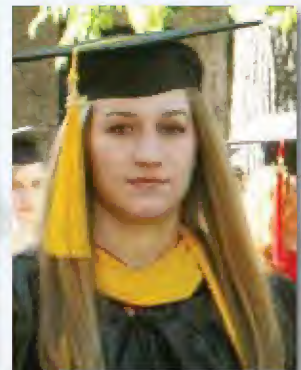


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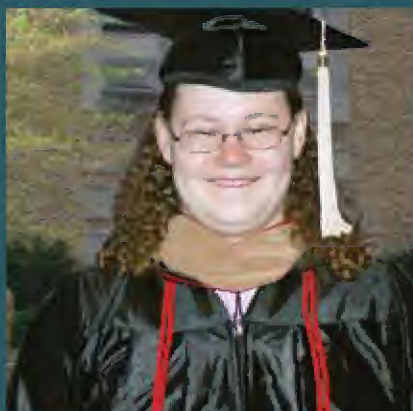
## Highest Scholastic Record 4.0



**Heather Jones**



**Rebecca Sours-Hogsett**



**Laura Pearce**, a Business Administration: Management major, plans to begin work at Pacific Islands University (PIU) on Guam in January as coordinator for their student missions program.

Bryan alumna Stephanie Wise, '00, and another PIU staff member lead the university's Serving Unreached Regions for God's Glory program, "but they have full-time jobs and need someone to manage the program," Laura explained.

Using her experience coordinating Bryan's Break for Change program for two years and life-learning as a missionary kid, she hopes to develop a program that encourages Micronesian students to become missionaries, not simply welcome missionaries into their lives. Her choice of a business major fit her plans to develop managerial skills with a position such as this in mind.



## Post-season Honors

### Baseball

**Jonathan Davis**, third base

All-Conference Team

Gold Glove Team

All-Academic Team

**DeWayne Boyd**, catcher

All-Conference Team

**Zach Vick**, catcher

Gold Glove Team

All-Academic Team

**Steven Brown**

**Jordan Day**

**Josh Harris**

**Andrew Smith**

**Tyler Wooden**



Jonathan Davis



DeWayne Boyd



Zach Vick



Steven Brown



Jordan Day



Josh Harris

### Softball

**Jennifer Keener**

AAC All-Academic Team

### Golf

**Dean Hoare**

AAC All-Tournament Team

### Track

#### Indoors

**Bryson Harper**

5th in the 3k, NAIA All-American (second time)



Andrew Smith



Tyler Wooden



Jennifer Keener

#### Outdoors

**Alyssia Lindsay**

AAC 1500 and 800 meter conference champion

All-Conference Team

Athlete of the Meet

**Ericka Simpson**

1500 and 800 meter All-Conference Team

**Bryson Harper**

800 meter conference champion

**Jason McLeod**

1500 meter conference champion

800 meter All-Conference Team

**Hunter Hall**

5k All-Conference Team

**Zach Buffington**

5k conference champion

**Josh Ball**

100 meter dash All-Conference

4x400 All-Conference Team

**Bryson Harper, Jason McLeod**

**Josh Ball, and Drew Nunnelly**



Bryson Harper



Alyssia Lindsay



Ericka Simpson



Jason McLeod



Hunter Hall



Zach Buffington



## Tornado Clean-up

The bright sunshine and fluffy clouds of Thursday, April 28, offered stark contrast to the ominous thunderheads and howling winds that marked the previous day.

On the ground lay shattered trees decorated with pieces of pink insulation, accented with twisted sheet of metal roofing. Homes and outbuildings on Dayton Mountain were destroyed, timberlands turned into kindling, utility poles snapped in two or sucked from the ground, and hundreds of residents of Rhea and Bledsoe counties faced the daunting task of digging out and rebuilding.

An area on the mountain some 10 miles from Bryan's campus and near the homes of three operations staff members was devastated by a tornado, one of hundreds reported that Wednesday that claimed more than 300 lives across the Southeast. At least four residents of the Dayton Mountain community were among those killed.

Early Thursday, Director of Physical Plant Doug Scott and six



*Mobile home destroyed by the April tornado*

of his crew loaded up chain saws and fuel and headed to the east side of the disaster area. "We were trying to give something back to the community," he said.

Herman Downey, Steve Sharpe, Kyle Headlee, Gary Cheon, David Morgan, Ryan Kerley, and Mr. Schott spent most of the day on the mountain, first clearing trees from a road then fanning out through the New Harmony community to help cut trees away from houses and driveways.

At lunchtime, Karen Randen, landscaping coordinator, brought a meal donated by A.J. Caudill and his staff at Pioneer College Caterers, Bryan's food service provider. "I asked him to send food for about a dozen, because I figured we'd have some other people drop by," Mr. Scott said. "He must have sent enough for 20 people, because I think we fed about half the Dayton Electric Department crew as well."

"Dayton and Rhea County have a long history of supporting Bryan College, and we are so appreciative of their help," Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay said. "It's a privilege for us to return the favor in some small way as our operations staff did in the wake of the tornado. I know the families devastated by the storm will be a long time rebuilding, but I want them to know that our thoughts and prayers, and as we are able, our

resources, are with them in this tragedy."

## Porter Leads Admissions



Aaron Porter is quickly learning he made a good decision when he accepted the offer to become Bryan's admissions director.

While the early days of his tenure were devoted to getting acquainted, learning his way around campus, and helping tie up loose ends for the incoming freshman class, he was thinking long-term about reaching enrollment goals for Vision 2020.

"Vision 2020 has very lofty goals and Dr. Livesay is passionate about them," Mr. Porter said. "I love a challenge, and I believe the staff is up to the challenge. I want to do everything I can to meet



*David Morgan*



those goals.” Part of that plan is to grow enrollment to 1,200 traditional students, about a 50 percent increase from this past academic year.

Mr. Porter earned a degree in business administration with a concentration in sports management at King College in 2006, and a Master’s degree in adult education and organizational training at Tusculum College in 2008.

After working briefly part-time in the Tusculum admissions department, he was hired full-time and worked his way up the organizational chart until he was named admissions director this past January. As he saw changes coming that he was not comfortable with, he began rethinking that move and ultimately applied for the Bryan position.

“I was attracted to the (Bryan) position because of my mentor’s recommendation and because I saw an opportunity for spiritual growth for myself as well as an opportunity to help college students grow spiritually.”

Mr. Sapienza said he believes Mr. Porter has the combination of experience and enthusiasm which will serve the college well. “Aaron comes highly recommended, and I appreciate his desire to make a contribution to the Bryan community,” he said. “His work record is outstanding, and I believe he has the imagination and leadership skills we need as we seek to encourage students to attend Bryan.”



*Dr. Livesay, Oliver North, John Haynes, and Mastin Robeson*

## Oliver North Commends Bryan at 4th Opportunity Dinner

America’s future depends on the kind of individuals Oliver North has met covering combat operations in the war on terror, men and women like the students at Bryan College who benefit from the Bryan Opportunity Program, Lt. Col. North said April 14 in Chattanooga.

Speaking at the fourth annual Bryan Opportunity Program dinner, Lt. Col. North said in his combat assignments for Fox News he is able “to keep company with heroes.” America’s military personnel display heroic courage, tenacity, and intensity because of their faith: “They know where they are going and why they are going there,” he said.

“I am convinced that the future of our country rests not just in the military but in having (this type of men and women) in every walk of life, people who know where they are going and why they are going there.”

He pointed out that the program, which provides financial assistance to academically qualified Tennessee students

from low-income families, helps produce men and women who live, not simply profess their faith. “That’s the kind of people we need at every level of government, of society, in the media,” he said.

During the dinner, the 480 persons present pledged \$74,000 to the program, according to Bryan Vice President for Advancement Blake Hudson. “With previous commitments and a matching gift, we have raised \$225,000, and we still have proposals outstanding to several foundations and individuals, so we expect this number to grow,” he said.

This year, 56 student benefit from the Bryan Opportunity Program, and the college has a goal to make funds available for 70 for the coming year.

Seth Flores, a student in the opportunity program, said the thought of attending a private school like Bryan was impossible apart from the grant he received. “That was the gateway God used to get me to Bryan.”





Participating in the ribbon-cutting were, from left, front, Knoxville Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Rena Amerson, Knoxville Regional Director David Montgomery, Mary Frances Carlson, Dr. Stephen D. Livesay, Dr. Michael Chase, and chamber of commerce Ambassador Daniel Monday.

## Bryan College Opens Knoxville Center

Great plans and close ties came together May 24 as Bryan College cut the ribbon for its Knoxville center, ceremonially opening a facility that offers graduate and undergraduate programs to working adults.

Bryan President Dr. Stephen D. Livesay told a crowd of Bryan alumni, Knoxville Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, and friends, "I've been looking forward to this day for years. I'm convinced that Knoxville is the place that will put Bryan College on the map. Knoxville is filled with people who are looking for a place like Bryan, people who want an education at the graduate or undergraduate level."

He pointed out that the center is located in Windsor Square, in facilities formerly occupied by EdSouth, founded by Tony Hollin. "Tony Hollin's mother was the financial aid director at

our Dayton campus for years," he said.

Mary Frances Rudd Carlson, daughter of Bryan's third president, Dr. Judson A. Rudd, said she believes Bryan has grown "because of a commitment to our motto of Christ Above All. All of the presidents have never wavered from devotion to Jesus Christ.

"In 1960, I moved to Knoxville to make this beautiful city my home. I'm pleased to see Bryan expanding beyond Dayton. I like to think my father is smiling down on us today and is giving thanks for all that has been accomplished."

David Montgomery, Bryan's Knoxville regional director, said an MBA class and a degree completion class already are in progress and he is working to begin additional sections in the fall. In addition to the

MBA, undergraduate degrees in business administration, with concentrations in organizational management, business management, and health care management are available.

"When people learn what we offer, and the price for the program, a lot of people are drawn to us," he said.

## Library Offers Material Online

Bryan College yearbooks and a selection of other materials have been posted to a digital archive and are available free, thanks to a regional library project.

Bryan Library Director Dr. Gary Fitsimmons said Lyrasis, a regional library cooperative to which Bryan belongs, arranged to have bound items such as



yearbooks digitized at minimal cost. College Archivist Stephanie Wood arranged for nearly 12,000 pages to be included in the project.

Bryan's online archive now includes *The Commoner* yearbooks, excluding 1932 and 1933 editions; early copies of *Bryan Life*; some copies of the *Newsette*, a predecessor to *Bryan*

*Life*; and some copies of *Blueprint*, a publication similar to the current *Illumine*.

Mrs. Wood explained that "we don't have copies of the 1932 and '33 *Commoner*," she said. "I don't know if they were produced those two years, and if they were, nobody seems to have a copy."

Dr. Fitsimmons emphasized

that access to these items through the Bryan website is free. Other online resources also may have this material but may charge for use.

## SIFE Team Goes to Nationals

Bryan College's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team won its division April 4 and represented the organization's Atlanta region in national competition in May.

Making its first trip to nationals, the team fell in the opening round to a team from Oral Roberts University.

SIFE is a student-led organization that promotes "a better, more sustainable world through the positive power of business," according to the SIFE website. Membership is open to students in any field of study.

To win at the regional competition, "We had to make a 20-minute presentation to about 15 judges," SIFE Vice President of Communications Laura Maye said. "They were looking at how effectively we impacted the quality of life for people in need."

Members of the regional championship team include Lauren Estes, a sophomore from



*SIFE Team members include from left, front, Laura Maye, Hannah Glupker, Whitney Boggs, Amy Whisman, and Kara Mullennix. Back are Brian Mullinnex, Will Tholken, James Folsom, Leo Gikonyo, and Advisor Dr. Jeff Boyce*

Durham, N.C.; James Folsom, a junior from Canton, Ga.; Leo Gikonyo, a sophomore from High Point, N.C.; Laura Maye, a sophomore from Knoxville; Brian Mullennix, a senior from McDonough, Ga.; Kara Leigh Mullennix, a junior from McDonough, Ga.; and alternates Ryan Hill, a sophomore from Battle Creek, Mich.; and Whitney Boggs, a senior from Riceville. Will Tholken, a sophomore from Bucyrus, Ohio, provides audio-visual support.

Bryan's SIFE team chose "Reality Check" and "The Kenya Project" as their focus for the year,

and reported on these at the competition. In "Reality Check," team members taught 321 ninth grade students at Rhea County High School about family budgeting and the importance of a college education for future income. The Kenya Project helped raise more than \$10,000 to start a

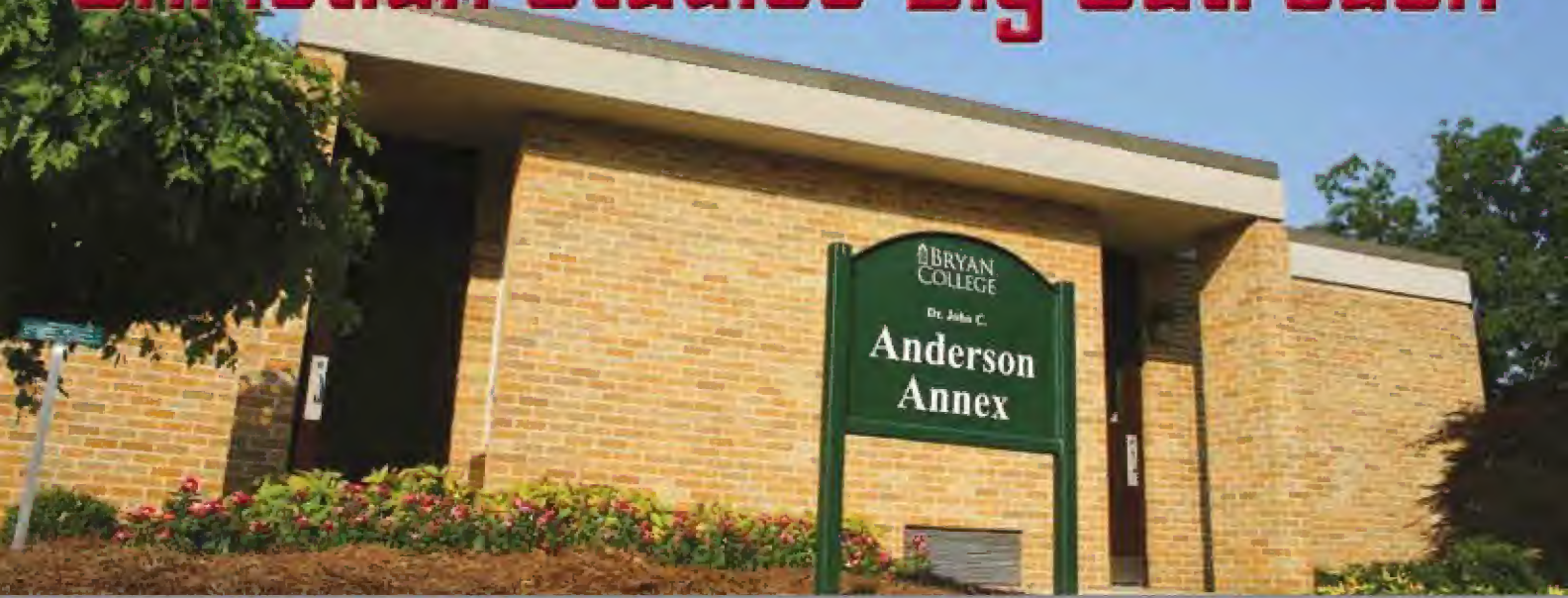
Christian high school in Kenya for orphaned children.

In keeping with the national organization's goal, "we tried to choose projects this year that would impact and empower people through business," Laura said.

Faculty Advisor Dr. Jeff Boyce said the victory was made even more significant because last year's national winning team from Belmont University was in Bryan's bracket, along with teams from larger schools in Florida, Georgia and Alabama.



# Christian Studies Small Location Big Outreach



The Anderson Annex may be the smallest academic building on campus, but its size doesn't match the reach and influence of the Division of Christian Studies and Philosophy housed under its roof.

With majors in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, and Christian Thought and Philosophy, the division offers intense academic preparation for students planning careers or further study in these areas.

Beyond students in these majors, the division "has a pretty broad influence on campus given that our courses serve all of the college through the core curriculum of Biblical Studies and Christian Life Formation classes," Division Chair Dr. Paul Boling explained. "The academic portion of the Bryan Institute for Critical Thought and Practice also falls under our division. We influence all students who come to Bryan College."

Two distinctives set the division apart from many schools' programs today, Dr. Boling said.

"First, we teach in the context

of a Christian worldview. We are focusing on a Creator God who is a personal being; Who created heaven and earth; Who revealed Himself in creation, Jesus Christ, and Scripture; and Who is the source, preserver, and maintainer of all things. Under that umbrella all kinds of things fit, different perspectives on all kinds of things.

**"We are focusing  
on a Creator God  
who is a personal being."**

"Second, we are non-denominational, so we don't fly the flag of a particular denominational position. We can and do present various positions on issues, examine them, and encourage our students to come to their own conclusions, guided by our belief in the authority of the Scriptures. That's a huge plus."

These distinctives are not just slogans in an admissions brochure, they are lived out in the lives of

the faculty and in the courses they teach—and are an integral part of the educational process.

"We ask tough questions of ourselves all the time, and ask students to wrestle with them," Dr. Boling said. "I think it's healthy for students to understand and see that all of us don't agree on everything. We have different views on eschatology, for example. But we still love each other, we are collegial, friends. I think that models something healthy, that we can disagree on points but still get along. Our center is strong: the authority of Scripture and the deity of Christ."

Faculty members are active scholars, researching, writing and attending academic conferences regularly. "We attend the Evangelical Theological Society and Evangelical Philosophical Society conferences each year and regularly read papers at them," he said.

That modeling life-long learning also serves as an encouragement to students to dig deeply into the Scriptures. "We have had students read papers at ETS meetings. We



encourage students to read original writings in the Old and New Testaments. We expect and require critical thinking in writing papers, oral presentations, debate, small group projects, and original research.”

For Biblical Studies majors,

“scholarship” includes taking 2 ½ years of Greek and two years of Hebrew so they can read the Bible in the original languages.

“This is not Sunday school,” Dr. Boling said. “We want students to be exegetes of the text, to understand

critical issues of the text, the context of the text. We don’t just give students a narrative approach, but techniques of analysis, exegesis, and hermeneutics. We want them to know how to apply and understand the text of Scripture.”

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## Christian Studies Faculty Have New Publications



David Morgan, Daryl Charles, Ken Turner

Three members of the Biblical Studies division have had books published this year, and more are in the offering.

A book co-edited by Dr. Daryl Charles and Dr. David B. Capes, published early this year, honors the memory of theologian A.J. Conyers who died in 2004. “He had a remarkably fertile mind and was a first-rate scholar,” Dr. Charles said. The book contains essays on culture and faith, by scholars in fields including English literature, philosophy, theology, and political science, reflecting the breadth of Dr. Conyers’ interests.

In addition, Dr. Charles has co-authored with David D. Corey a book to be published this fall, *The Just War Tradition: An Introduction*. The book is a historical overview of “just war” theory, demonstrating that over two millennia the concept has been considered mainstream by Christian thinkers.

Dr. David Morgan has two books in the works, *A Theology of Land and Temple in the Book of the Twelve: A Diachronic and Synchronic Perspective*, a revision of his doctoral dissertation, and *A Theology of the Book of the Twelve: Beyond Exile Toward a New Creation*. The first, he said, is more narrowly focused on the land and temple motifs in the Minor Prophets, while the second is a broader theology that “begins with the idea of exile first

for northern Israel and then for southern Judah because of rebellion against God, which then ends with the hope of a new creation.”

He also serves as an Old Testament editor for *The Voice*, a new contemporary English translation of the Bible. In addition, he has just published two essays on biblical theology in the journals *Biblische Notizen* and *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, and has another article on the biblical topic of “remnant” in the forthcoming *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets* with InterVarsity Press.

Dr. Ken Turner has published *The Death of Deaths in the Death of Israel: Deuteronomy’s Theology of Exile*. “In Old Testament studies, Deuteronomy is one of the most important books in terms of theology, like Romans is in the New Testament. Much of what is addressed in Deuteronomy is fleshed out in other books,” he said.

“When Deuteronomy talks about exile it does not use the normal word for exile, but words for destruction and annihilation. I call them ‘death words,’” he said. “My thesis is that, theologically, exile could be considered the death of a nation and restoration is life after death. I think this is Old Testament background to understand the death and resurrection of Christ.”



# Christian Studies Faculty

## Dr. Matt Benson

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Bryan offers one of the only undergraduate Christian Thought programs in the country. "Students usually have to go to a Master's program for that," Dr. Boling said. "Christian Thought offers a broad-based preparation for a number of fields. It gives students good preparation for any kind of position in business, government, and the like. They study language, business, government, and more. We're examining how to live out and defend our faith in the culture in which we live."

The Christian Ministry major prepares students for service in a vocational Christian setting. In addition to their coursework, Christian Ministry students are required to complete an internship in a church or parachurch ministry.

"We encourage ministering with

Summit, either counseling at Bryan or in Colorado and attending worldview conferences. Some have studied at Summit in Colorado, L'Abri in England, or participated in the Italy Abroad semester," he explained.

A major in the Division of Christian Studies and Philosophy typically may lead to a career in vocational Christian ministry or college-level teaching, but that is not necessarily the case.

Dr. Boling points out that the Christian Thought major is "a mini-liberal arts education in how Christian Thought affects a variety of fields." Graduates are prepared to take entry-level positions in a range of disciplines or to pursue studies in any number of graduate programs.

Biblical Studies majors most often head to seminary or other graduate programs immediately after college to prepare for vocational ministry. "Then there's Klon Kitchen (a 1999 Biblical

Studies graduate) who is working for the Department of Defense in the counterterrorism field," Dr. Boling said. "We have graduates in all kinds of areas."

Christian Ministry majors often use their college education and internship experiences to go directly into a church or parachurch setting.

"Part of what makes Bryan College what it is is the non-denominational atmosphere which is reflected in our division," he explained. "We are all over the map with different perceptions and approaches. There is tremendous diversity in what's going on in the church and the post-modern culture. Our graduates are coming out with a good foundation, ready to be of service wherever the Lord may lead them."



**Dr. Carl Judson Davis**  
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Ph.D., Biblical Studies,  
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M.A., New Testament,  
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School  
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Evangelical Theological Society



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Ph.D., Hebrew Bible,  
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Th.M., Old Testament,  
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Seminary  
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*Professional Associations*  
European Association for Biblical Studies  
Society for the Study of the Old Testament  
Evangelical Theological Society  
Society of Biblical Literature  
Tyndale Fellowship  
Omicron Delta Kappa  
Alpha Pi Kappa



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Dallas Theological Seminary  
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University of Alabama - Birmingham  
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John Brown University

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Seminary  
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Reformed Theological Seminary  
Th.M., Christian Education,  
New Orleans Baptist Theological  
Seminary  
M.Div., Christian Education,  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
B.S.B.A., Banking & Finance,  
University of Southern Mississippi  
A.A.,  
Hinds Community College

*Professional Associations*  
Evangelical Theological Society  
North American Professors of Christian Education



**Dr. Kenneth Turner**  
*Associate Professor of Bible*

Ph.D.,  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
M.Div.,  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Foreign Studies,  
Jerusalem University College



**Dr. Sanford Zensen**  
*Professor of Liberal Arts, Director of  
Athletics*

D.Min., Church Renewal/Administration,  
Luther Rice Seminary  
D.Phil., Religion and Society,  
Oxford Graduate School  
M.Div., Pastoral Studies,  
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary  
B.S., Physical Education/Hygiene,  
The King's College

*Professional Association*  
National Association of Directors of Athletics



## by John Carpenter



LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, JANUARY 23, 1901

William J. Bryan.

... ..

The Commander.

The same has been said by the "New York Times" and the "Washington Post". The Times says: "The Government will continue to be in the protection of the people."

to aid the common people in their  
struggle, the establishment of their spiritual  
and their temporal well-being.

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Bryan was only 30 when he embarked on his national political career, winning a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives representing Lincoln, Neb., in the Democratic Party landslide of 1890. He won re-election two years later. After an unsuccessful run for U.S. Senate in 1894, Bryan decided not to return to the practice of law. He accepted a position as editor of the *Omaha World-Herald*, a staunch Democratic voice and a leading newspaper in Nebraska. Bryan regularly published editorials on Democratic issues, but increasingly turned his attention to the progressive issues he believed were in the best interest of America's heartland and its people.

In one of his first editorials after becoming editor on Sept. 1, 1894, Bryan expressed his view of the role of a newspaper in a free society and foreshadowed his pursuit of populist ideals, writing, "The aim of *The World-Herald* will be, first, to ascertain the truth, then to present it fearlessly and with singleness of purpose. It can be relied upon to stand up for the 'omnivorous West' and for its right to fair play and a full share of the nation's prosperity."



As one of his last acts as editor, Bryan covered the Republican National Convention in June 1896. At the convention, held in St. Louis, Mo., Bryan was intrigued by the division among Midwest Republicans caused by the adoption of a gold-standard plank. Several free silver delegates

even left the convention in protest. This political opening and Bryan's personal belief in bimetallism as a populist ideal led to the delivery of his stirring "Cross of Gold" speech just three weeks later at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. That speech would vault the 36-year-old former congressman into the Democratic Party nomination for president—the first of three—and the leadership of the party for the next 16 years.

Bryan's passionate belief in bimetalism and the issues of the farmers and laborers raised the ire of the trusts and big-money interests of the Northeast who actively worked against him and backed Republican William McKinley, who supported the gold standard and was lukewarm on populist issues. Bryan lost the 1896 and 1900 presidential elections to McKinley and the 1908 election to William Howard Taft, President Theodore Roosevelt's handpicked successor, by increasing margins.

Beginning in 1895 while working for *The World-Herald*, Bryan had begun thinking about starting his own newspaper to give his political and religious views a national voice. Consistent with his populist ideals, Bryan wanted to make the paper easily available—and easily affordable—to the common man. Immediately following his failed campaign





William J. with brother Charles W. Bryan

in 1900, Bryan put his plans into action.

Bryan published the first issue of *The Commoner* on Jan. 23, 1901, less than three months after the election. Financed with his own money, Bryan named himself editor and publisher. His brother Charles served as associate editor and co-publisher until elected Nebraska governor in 1922. Bryan's wife, Mary, completed the leadership team, writing editorials as well as women's columns, recipes, and housewifely tips. All three wrote unsigned editorials for the paper, and several scholars have noted that Charles and Mary knew Bryan so well that it's impossible to distinguish the authorship of most of the editorials.

*The Commoner* wasn't a newspaper in the usual sense—it was primarily a weekly (then monthly) political journal with national political news, and extensive digests of national and international news of interest. And Bryan wasn't a journalist in the usual sense—his primary contributions to *The Commoner* consisted of editorials, speeches he'd given, and his commentary on issues and speeches given by others. But Bryan and *The*

*Commoner* had a national and international influence far exceeding the reach of many daily newspapers. In its heyday, *The Commoner* boasted a circulation of 275,000 and subscribers in every state of the union and several foreign countries.

Bryan received the moniker, "The Commoner," during the election of 1896 from a reporter who observed him carrying his own suitcases from the train station to the hotel while on the campaign trail. Bryan liked the designation and chose it for the name of his newspaper, but in its very first issue felt the need to defend his choice of names from criticism by the Eastern elites, including *The New York Times*.

In the lead article of the first issue, Bryan wrote, "In the same chapter in which Christ condensed man's duty to his fellows into the commandment: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself; in the same chapter in which he denounced those who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers, in this same chapter it is said of Him: 'The common people heard Him gladly.' No higher compliment was ever paid to any class.... *The Commoner* will be satisfied if, by fidelity to the common people, it proves its right to the name which has been chosen."

Throughout its 22-year run, *The Commoner* demonstrated Bryan's unwavering belief in God and the teachings of the Bible. His editorials and columns were full of biblical allusions, and he regularly used Scripture to support his positions.

He "applied the principles of Christian ethics to public problems, particularly in the pages of *The Commoner*. The

paper represented its owner in exuding honesty, cordiality, and wholesomeness," writes John Wunder, University of Nebraska journalism history professor.

"Bryan saw himself as one of the common people. [*The Commoner*] held to a common lot and common hope that would contribute to the nation's strength and greatness. The paper ultimately wished to aid the common people in the protection of their rights, the advancement of their interests and the realization of their aspirations. Bryan maintained a strong belief that each cause he pushed represented something just and righteous, which occasionally enraged conservative Democrats by classifying all issues and all men as right or wrong, good or bad, conservative or liberal. Bryan also always believed he was correct, and he was often uncompromising."

While admired by many liberal theologians for his commitment to social justice for the common man and adored by the Fundamentalists for his battles



Bryan recording at Gennett Studios

against alcohol and evolution, Bryan does not appear to fit neatly into either of the great strains of Protestantism at the turn of the century, although there is little doubt that Bryan was a thorough-going follower of Jesus Christ. Never one to shy away from expressing his opinions in private or in public, Bryan had plenty of opportunity to express his religious faith in the 768 issues of *The Commoner* and to use Scripture as the foundation and supporting evidence for his views on everything from women suffrage to war.

In a 1907 editorial Bryan wrote, "Faith exerts a controlling influence over our lives. If it is argued that works are more important than faith, I reply that faith comes first, works afterwards. Until one believes, he does not act, and in accordance with his faith, so will be his deeds.

"Man needs faith in God, therefore, to strengthen him in his hours of trial, and he needs it to give him courage to do the work of life. How can one fight for a principle unless he believes in the triumph of the right? How can he believe in the triumph of the

right if he does not believe that God stands back of the truth and that God is able to bring victory to truth? The man of faith, believing that every word spoken for truth will have its influence and that no blow struck for righteousness is struck in vain, fights on without asking whether he is to fall in the beginning of the battle or to live to join in the shouts of triumph. He knows not whether he is to live for the truth or to die for it, and if he has the faith he ought to have, he is as ready to die for it as to live for it.

"Faith will not only give you strength when you fight for righteousness, but your faith will bring dismay to your enemies. There is power in the presence of an honest man who does right because it is right and dares to do the right in the face of all opposition. It is true today, and has been true through all history that 'One with God shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to

flight.'"

Ultimately, Bryan had a greater positive influence on his country than any of the presidents of his era. He used his political influence and the columns of *The Commoner* to secure passage of a series of progressive reforms including antitrust legislation, tariff reductions, creation of the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Reserve System. He was also instrumental in the passage of the 17th-19th Amendments that made possible the direct election of senators, Prohibition, and women's suffrage.

## FAST FACTS

*The Commoner*

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Mail Subscription: \$1 per year

## SEEN ON Campus

**Dr. E. Calvin Beisner**, founder of the Cornwall Alliance, spoke in chapel in March on the creation mandate and the mainstream environmental movement.

**Ramon Presson**, a marriage and family therapist and founder of LifeChange Counseling and the Marriage Center of Franklin, Tenn., spoke in chapel and led a writing workshop in March to launch his most recent book, *When Will My Life Not Suck?*

Calvin Beisner



Ramon Presson





Faculty and staff Break for Change mentors this spring included **Mrs. Diana Buttram**, Nashville, Tenn.; **Ms. Beth Hale**, San Diego, Calif.; **Dr. Randy Hollingsworth**, Limbazi, Latvia; **Dr. David Morgan**, Managua, Nicaragua; **Ms. Danielle Rebman**, Detroit, Mich.; and **Mr. and Mrs. Matt and Katie Williams**, Opelousas, La.

**Dr. Steve Barnett** and **Dr. Brian Eisenback** spent their Saturdays in February helping map the historic Dayton Coal and Iron Company works in and around the Laurel-Snow State Natural Area (Pocket Wilderness). The survey is part of a project by the Friends of the Cumberland Trail, and funded by the National Park Service, to have the area included in the National Register of Historic Places.

**Mr. Bernie Belisle** and **Mr. Jared Cole** took four students to the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Atlanta in March. Mr. Belisle presented along with two other theatre professors on "The Faith-Based College Theatre Program Roundtable." Mr. Cole presented a session entitled "From Russia with Love: A Month in Moscow," which covered some of the highlights from his trip to Moscow in June 2010 to study at the Moscow Art Theatre School.

**Mr. Dean Bell** received his B.S. degree in Business Administration through Bryan's degree completion program in May.

**Dr. Matt Benson, Mr. Jonathan Doran, Dr. Peter Held, Ms. Amy Hutchinson, Mr. Ben Norquist, Ms. Danielle Rebman, Mrs. Jessica Trigger, and Ms. Bonnie-Marie Yager** attended the campus ministry directors conference sponsored by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities in New Orleans in February. Mrs. Trigger presented a session titled "Developing a Culture of Worship."

**Dr. Benson, Mr. Norquist, Ms. Rebman, and Dr. Ken Turner** attended the International Justice Mission's Global Prayer Gathering in Washington, D.C., in April, with 46 students. Dr. Turner presented a paper titled "Does the Bible Endorse Slavery?"

**Mr. John Carpenter** took six students to the National College Media Convention in March in New York City.

**Dr. Mike Chase** attended the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges workshop "Recognizing and Responding to Substantive Changes" in March at Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn. He, with **Dr. Adina Scruggs**, attended the Middle Tennessee State University Annual Adult Learning Conference in Murfreesboro, Tenn. in February.

**Dr. Jud Davis** and **Dr. Paul Boling** attended the southeast regional meetings of the Evangelical Theological and Evangelical Philosophical societies in March. Dr. Davis read a paper titled

"Nakedness in the Bible" and Dr. Boling read a paper titled "The Nature of the Moral."

**Dr. Steve DeGeorge** was the keynote speaker for the ACSI Europe Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia Administrators' Conference in Budapest, Hungary. He also observed a student teacher from Bryan at her school in Brasov, Romania, and spoke in chapel at the Christian Baptist High School in Timisoara, Romania.

**Dr. Gary Fitsimmons** attended the American Library Association Midwinter meeting in San Diego in January, where he chaired a committee meeting.

**Dr. Ken Froemke** recently completed his eighth reaffirmation visit for the Commission on Colleges, including three in the past year. He has been the lead evaluator for the Quality Enhancement Plan and institutional effectiveness on four of these visits.

**Dr. Randy Hollingsworth** was awarded tenure by the Board of Trustees during their April meeting.

**Dr. Scott Jones** and six students attended the 2011 Greer Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in February. Topic of the forum was "Can We Trust the Bible on the Historical Jesus?"

**Mrs. Kimberly Keck** was soprano soloist in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Southern Adventist University Orchestra, and sang the National Anthem at the Reagan Day Dinner in Rhea County in March. She took three students to the University of Kentucky in April for regional competition in the National Association of Teachers of Singing, where she served as a judge.

**Mr. Steve Keck** earned the Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy professional designation from the Richard D. Irwin Graduate School of the American College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

**Drs. David and Sigrid Luther** performed a program of show tunes and light classics for the Lions Club State Convention banquet in Chattanooga in April.

**Dr. Sigrid Luther** attended the annual conference of the Music Teachers National Association in March in Milwaukee, completing her term as national vice president and member of the Board of Directors. She will continue to direct the 2011-2012 membership campaign. Dr. Luther organized the Community Music Festival of the Bryan College Community Music School and Rhea Arts Council in April, judged the Cadek Conservatory scholarship auditions, and judged the Alabama Music Teachers Association competitions in May.

**Dr. Salvatore Musumeci** co-presented a paper titled "'This Do in Remembrance of Me': Wine and the Culture of Consumption in the Works of Giovanni Boccaccio and Geoffrey Chaucer" at the 2011 Sewanee Medieval Colloquium at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., in April. He also presented "Wine and the Social Imagination in Italian Renaissance History and Literature" at the South-Central Conference on Christianity and Literature: Sin, Piety, and Celebration in Literature and the Related Arts at Our Lady of the Holy Cross College, New Orleans, in February.

**Mr. David Perron** attended the American Red Cross instructor seminar in Chattanooga, Tenn., in January.

**Dr. Ron Petite** spent late March and early April in England where he met with officials of International Justice Mission and New Scotland Yard to brief them on Bryan College's efforts in combatting human trafficking and to introduce personnel of the two groups to each other. He attended the Oxford University Round Table where he presented a paper titled "Civilization at Risk: Seeds of Strife; Freedom from Persecution, a Human Right in a Threat Environment of Nationalism, Religion, and Nuclear Weapons."

**Mrs. Polly Revis**, supervisor of library technical services, attended an online

course "Maximize the Value of Your OCLC Cataloging Subscription" on January 20.

**Dr. Clark Rose** presented his sabbatical work, "Christianity and Psychology: A Journey not a Destination," at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies International Conference in April in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Mrs. Katy Saynes** visited Port Alsworth, Alaska, in March to observe a student teacher from Bryan in the Tanalian School.

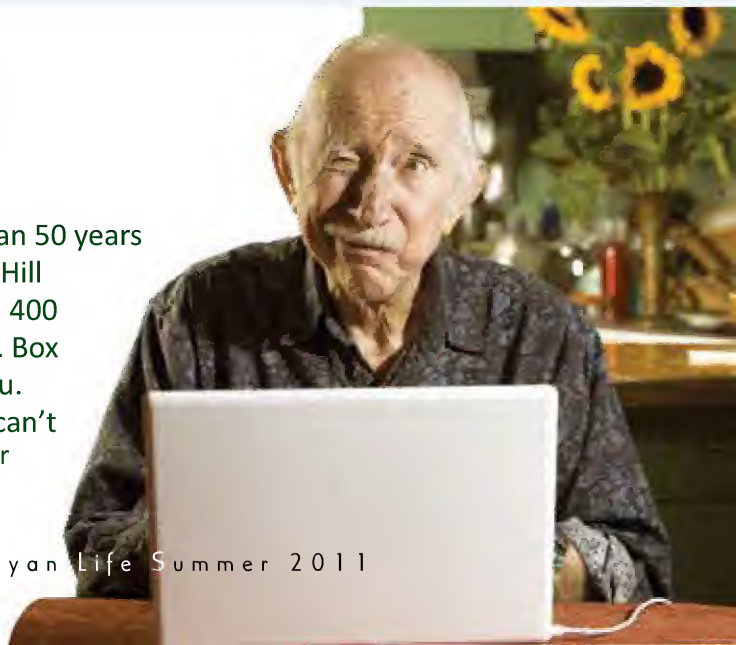
**Ms. Stephanie Wood** hosted a group of Rhea County, Tenn., homeschool students at the Henning Natural History Museum in February, showing them fossils, shells, skulls, petrified wood and other specimens. **Dr. Brian Eisenback** used both live and pinned insects to teach the students about entomology.

**Dr. Todd C. Wood** published a short communication in the January 24, 2011, edition of *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* titled "Using creation science to demonstrate evolution? Senter's strategy revisited," responding to an earlier critique of baraminology.

**Ms. Bonnie Marie Yager** and **Dr. Matt Benson** led took eight students to L'Abri in Hampshire, England, in March.

## Writers Wanted

If you have been graduated from Bryan for more than 50 years and would like to share memories of your time on the Hill with *Bryan Life* readers, please write between 300 and 400 words and send them to *Bryan Life*, Bryan College, P.O. Box 7000, Dayton, TN 37321 or email to [alumni@bryan.edu](mailto:alumni@bryan.edu). Please include a current picture of yourself. While we can't promise to publish every submission, we will consider all for publication in future editions of *Bryan Life*.







## Moving On

Faculty and staff leaving the college were honored at a reception at the end of the year. These included, from left, Dr. Jeff Boyce, Beth Hale, Dr. Jeff Myers, Jessi Trigger, and Ben Williams. Later, Marlene Wilkey announced she is leaving to pursue further education.

## FIVE and TEN Year Anniversary



*From left, David Morgan, Dr. Roger Sanders, Beth Hixson, Taylor Hasty, Ben Williams, Alice Gray, Paulakay Ricketts, Matt Williams, Janice Pendergrass, Dr. Jud Davis, Gary Cheon, Herman Downey, and James Sullivan.*

## TWENTY and TWENTY-FIVE Year Anniversary

*From left, Dr. Bob Andrews, Tom Davis, Diana Buttram, and Judy Shetter. Not pictured is Dr. Travis Ricketts, 15 years.*





# Check Out Bryan's New Website

Expanded Navigation Bar With More Direct Links





Find Your Niche



Coming Events

Connect with Social Media



David Beisner, Corinne Livesay, and Ryan Harrell

A new look, a fresh approach, and easier navigation will greet visitors to the Bryan College website ([www.bryan.edu](http://www.bryan.edu)), the result of a nine-month overhaul launched June 30.

Corinne Livesay, director of web communications, said she and a redesign committee reviewed web sites and collected and studied usage statistics and user feedback as they undertook the makeover.

"By industry standards, organizations should put out a fresh, new look on their web sites every two to three years," Mrs. Livesay said. "Although we had some major overhauls, we hadn't had a totally new look in more than five years. In addition, the architecture of the site needed a major reorganization to accommodate the growth in our Adult and Graduate Studies and Online programs."

Turning the technical work over to web designer/programmer Ryan Harrell and media specialist David Beisner, the result is a web site that strives to show "evidence that we are carrying out our mission of 'educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world.' Other goals included developing a site that is easy to navigate; has compelling, complete, and up-to-date content; and has an appealing, attractive design," she said.

One major consideration for the project was to make it easier for various audiences to locate the information they seek. "For example, among our four student populations—both current and future—we have clearly laid out paths to their information: undergraduate, graduate, adult degree completion, and online. We also have direct paths to information for alumni, donors, parents and others."



*Nathan Magnuson speaks to a Bryan class.*

A class at Bryan sparked an interest in Nathan Magnuson that has led to his completing a Master's degree and embarking on a career as a management consultant which includes helping a federal agency rethink its leadership training program.

Nathan, who earned his business degree in 2005, went to work for a bank doing investor reporting before he joined the

U.S. Army Reserve and worked in special operations. During a tour of duty in Iraq in 2008, he worked as a business advisor to several non-governmental agencies on a team which included representatives from the state department and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

He finished his Master's degree in organizational leadership after he returned from Iraq. "In graduate school I decided I wanted to work for a management consulting firm to work with leadership development and succession planning," he said.

About 18 months ago he joined Accenture, a multinational corporation, in its Washington, D.C., office, working in the management consulting field.

"If you took a class in business, our company consults on the subject, but I mainly focus on human capital and organizational performance—the people side of a big organization," he explained. "This has to do with helping them find and keep the best people; training and development; how the human resources department works or how they help people develop internally."

His latest project is working with an agency of the Department of Justice to help build a new leadership development program for the next generation of

workers in the department's U.S. operations.

"Everyone views our client in a positive manner, but they have real-life organizational challenges just like everyone else," he said. "In the 21st century, the post-9/11 era, they see a need to build forward-thinking leadership that can anticipate and meet challenges before they occur. This means there needs to be an environment where employees can develop as leaders before taking management roles, instead of accepting a position and then figuring out what to do."

"One of the things we're working on together is to create an environment and mindset that training is more than just taking a class, but having prospective leaders intentionally collect development experiences with specific growth objectives in mind."

Nathan said the department's leadership agrees change is needed and is excited about the new program. At the same time they realize the challenge of implementing such sweeping changes. It's because of these concerns that consultants and employees have been working hard to communicate the need as well as the benefits of the leadership changes to the sitting managers, hoping they will be strong advocates for the program.

His enthusiasm for his job and this assignment springs in part from a desire to help organizations' leadership figure out the best way to accomplish its goals. "I think all organizations owe it to employees to let them be part of the vision and mission and

give them the opportunity to follow and become effective leaders," he said.

In addition to Dr. Jeff Myers' organizational leadership class, the worldview emphasis of his Bryan education prepared him for his career accomplishments to this point. "When I was in Iraq, I knew there would be different mindsets and I was prepared. Now, my company is a global company with lots of diversity and different ways of thinking. The worldview education impacts my life in a lot of ways. I learned how to ask good questions and to participate in networking to get information, to develop contacts I need, and how to pass all that along."

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## Got Insurance?

**B**ack in February, Matt, '83, and Chrissy, '86, Landes suffered a tragic fire to their beautiful Dallas home. It was a home filled with great memories of family and friends, including many that Anna and I shared with them. The last time they so graciously allowed us to stay with them, we walked in to freshly baked chocolate chip cookies and a dozen roses at the foot of the bed. Chrissy's elegant touch was everywhere. The warmth of their friendship was in every room in the house. Sadly, most of the house was either smoke-, water-, or fire-damaged.

The good news is that they were prepared and had sufficient insurance to replace the tangible stuff. They will work on the intangibles for many years, mostly in their minds and hearts. As you can imagine, some things are priceless and cannot be replaced.

Without being too melodramatic, Bryan College is under fire. New regulations require us to do more and more, very little having to do with educating students to become servants of Christ. The latest studies indicate fully half of all schools under 2,000 students will be gone in ten years, failing under the weight of financial and regulatory burdens. "Mission slip," the term used to describe one's falling away from one's core beliefs, is happening everywhere around us. Those fires are equally intense.

So what is our insurance? Frankly, fellow alum, it is YOU. First and foremost, your prayerful support has carried us through the literal fire of 2000 and the figurative fires over the years. Our "home" was built with the love and lordship of Christ fully in mind. That is who we are, who we will stay. I can tell you that Dr. Livesay defends our heritage with a fire of his own, and will resist these pressures with all diligence.

Second, your financial support has continued to increase the last three years. We are up to 12.67 percent of Alumni giving to the college; not good by some standards, but a good bit better than a few years ago. Even in the worst economic times, you have continued to support your alma mater.

The financial burden would be much less if we decided "mission slip" was an acceptable course. There are those who would gladly support us if only we would walk away from our heritage. (Ask Harvard about mission slip!) I cannot tell you how critical your continued support is. I know the common thought is that "All Bryan does is ask for money!" Well, not as much as Geico, Taco Bell, or Progressive, but it is far more about making you aware of the needs of the college, and then encouraging you to seek His guidance about if and how you could help.

The tangible – the buildings around campus – are either new or have had a major facelift in the past ten years. We got a new front door. We continue to produce outstanding students. Seth Flores, '11, one of our Bryan Opportunity Program students, has received the prestigious Presidential Scholarship at Dallas Seminary. Your faithful support allows us to produce results like that. I cannot thank you enough.

As for the intangible, the relationships and friendships you found here, the best insurance for that is to plan now to come back to Homecoming, Oct. 7-9. When you get here, you will rediscover how priceless they really are.



*Here comes Fireman Dave!*

In His Grace,

*David Tromanhauser*

David Tromanhauser  
Alumni Director

# **YOUR ESTATE DESIGN**

The mind of man plans his way,  
But the Lord directs his steps. Prov. 16:9

**We'll Help Review Your Estate Plan**



# LIFESTYLE GIVING

## Reviewing Your Estate Plan

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CHRIST ABOVE ALL  
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**COLLEGE**





*Judy Barth*



*Reese Branson*

## 50s

**JUDY (KING) BARTH, '57,** was crowned Ms. Tennessee Senior America in the state Senior America pageant in April. She won the Rhea County Fair pageant last fall, then found out other pageants followed. In October she heads to Atlantic City, N.J., for the national pageant. In addition to giving her "Philosophy of Life" titled "Life is a gift from God," for her talent she sang the song, "If I Could Tell You of My Devotion," the theme song of the 1940's radio program "The Firestone Hour," as a tribute to her children, 19 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The goal of the Ms. Senior America Pageant is to emphasize and give honor to women who have reached the "age of elegance" and search for the gracious lady who best exemplifies

the dignity, maturity and inner beauty of all Senior Americans.

## 80s

**JEFFREY PINDER, '87,** received his Doctorate of Ministry degree from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and Graduate School in December 2010. His dissertation, *Forged by Conviction: An Historical Overview of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia*, recently was published by Innovo Publishing. Jeff is senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Port St. Joe, Fla.

and **DOUG MANN, both '92; MARC NEDDO, '92; and CHANIN (ASHWORTH), '93,** and **CHRIS GILMAN, '94,** had their own reunion weekend in Richmond, Va., in February.

**BEN SIMPSON, '98,** received the Ph.D. degree in New Testament Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary June 7, 2011. His dissertation is titled "A Study of the Historiographies of J.P. Meier and J.D. G. Dunn." During the graduation ceremony he was given the William M. Anderson Scholarship Award for having the highest GPA among the doctoral candidates. He was the registrar for the seminary for several years, and began on July 1 as director of internal operations at the seminary's Houston campus. Ben and his wife, Amber, are parents of Madison, 4, and Eli, 2.

## 90s

**ERIK, '92,** and **Becky EDWARDS; SUSI (SIMPSON)**

### '90s Reunion



*Lillian Henderson*



*Levi Lamb*







*Ben Simpson & Dr. Ken Hanna, '57*



*Soren & Freya Norquist*



*Evelyn Forrester*



**DAVID and ANNA (KELLOG) HENDERSON**, both '02, announce the birth of their third child, Lillian Hope, on July 2, 2010. Lillian weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz., and was 18 ½ inches long. She joins sister Mackenzie, 2, and brother Gavin, 5. The Henderson family lives in Cullowhee, N.C., where David teaches philosophy at Western Carolina University and Anna is a home schooling mom.

**DAVID, '03, and Ashley BRANSON** announce the birth of their daughter, Reese Madelyn, on March 16, 2011. Reese weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and was 20 ¼ inches long. She joins big sisters, twins Audrey and Kate. The Branson family lives in Columbia, Tenn.

**AMY (MORTON), '04, and David LAMB** announce the birth

of their son, Levi, on Dec. 16, 2010. Levi weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. and was 22 ½ inches long. The Lamb family lives in Nashville, Tenn.

**BEN, '04, and Ariel NORQUIST** announce the birth of their twins, Soren Ambrose and Freya Therese, on Oct. 15, 2010. Soren weighed 5 lbs., 12 oz., and was 18 ½ inches long. Freya weighed 5 lbs., 10 oz., and was 18 ½ inches long. They join big brother Henrik Joseph, 2. The Norquist family lives in Dayton, Tenn., where Ben is director of spiritual formation at Bryan.

**SAM and DANIELLE (MITCHELL) FORRESTER**, both '07, announce the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Montgomery, on March 17, 2011. Evelyn weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz., and was 21 inches long. The Forrester family lives in Franklin, Tenn.

**JEREMY, '08, and Abigail MOORE** announce the birth of their son, Preston Conner, on Jan. 11, 2011. Preston weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz., and was 19 inches long. The Moore family lives in Prattville, Ala.

**LAWRENCE LAPLUE, '08, and VICTORIA "TORI" STEWART, '10**, were married July 10, 2010, in Cleveland, Tenn. Alumni in the wedding party included maid of honor **JANDI HEAGEN, '11; JESSIE LAPLUE, '09; PAUL GUTACKER, '08; JOEL TRIGGER, '08; TYLER GAY, '08;** best man **CALEB FENDRICK, '08; CALEB RAGLAND, '08; JOSH RAGLAND, '11; and MICHAEL RENEAU, '09.** Current students Anna Stewart, Clari Stewart, and Caroline LaPlue also were in the wedding party, and **BETHEL (RAGLAND) SMITH, '08**, played the piano. Lawrence is the son of

*Preston Moore*



*Lapluie Wedding Party*







*Luis & Emily Rivera*

**DARLENE (RAGLAND), '81,** and Larry **LAPLUE**. Tori is the daughter of **STEVE, '85,** and **LISA (BARTH), '87, STEWART;** and the granddaughter of **JIM and JUDY (KING) BARTH,** both '57. The LaPlues live in Talbott, Tenn.

**EMILY GRACE RICKETTS, '09,** and Luis Rivera were married at the Tennessee Aquarium on March 26, 2011. Dr. Jim Coffield, former faculty member, and **Dr. RAY LEGG, '07H,** officiated. Alumni in the wedding party included maid of honor **BRITTANY RODRIGUEZ, '09;** bridesmaid **EMILY (WHITE) FESYUK, '09;** and groomsman

**CHRIS TUTTLE, '11.** Current student and brother of the bride Jake Ricketts also was a groomsman. Emily and Luis live in Orlando, Fla., where they work for Sea World, Luis as an aquarist working with the sharks and rays, and Emily working her way into the dolphin training program.



**RUTH EBEL, '11,** had something of a family alumni reunion when she graduated on May 7. She became the ninth family



*Ruth Ebel and Family*

member to attend or graduate from Bryan, and five of those relatives attended her graduation. Alumni in the family include her mother, **JEAN (HAWKINS), '78, EBEL;** aunts **JAN (HAWKINS), '78, BOYD, MARILYN (HAWKINS), '75, EISENBACK, '75,** and **ELLEN (HAWKINS), '72, SCHENCK;** uncle **Dr. JONATHAN EISENBACK, '74;** and cousins **CAROLE (OTTESON), '69x, MAWHINNEY, Dr. BRIAN EISENBACK, '02,** and **JUSTIN EISENBACK, '06x.**

## *With The Lord*

**Rev. GLENN A. CRUMLEY, '52,** of Hazel Park, Mich., died Feb. 18, 2011.

**NADINE L. SCHICK, '54,** of Manhattan, Kan., died May 2, 2011.

**JAMES H. HURST, '54,** of Selmer, Tenn., died July 27, 2010.

**HAROLD A. MORGAN, Jr., '67,** of Dayton, Tenn., died April 14, 2011.

**EVERETT "ED" KNIESLEY, '73x,** of Columbus, Ohio, died June 14, 2010.

**HAROLD HULSEY, '74,** of Charlotte, N.C., died Oct. 17, 2010.

**DONALD A. NEUMANN, '79x,** of Waxhaw, N.C., died March 1, 2011.



Let your light shine before men,  
that they may see your good  
deeds and praise your Father in  
heaven."

Matthew 5:14, 16

## Honor and Memory Gifts

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### *in memory of*

### *in honor of*

Ruth D. Sherman

C. H. Dentler

Dean & Cherie Ropp

Nancy Spoede

Ben & Velma Mason

Nancy Spoede

Gary & Betsy Phillips

Nancy Spoede

Jim & Tucker Smith

Nancy Spoede

Jonathan & Pam Bennett

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Ken & Mary Hanna

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Bill & Lee Ketchersid

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Ford Madison

Nancy Spoede

Joe & Janice Rogers

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Miriam Wiggins

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# Homecoming 2011

Bob Hay has been consistently involved in ministry since 1982. Born in Nigeria to missionary parents, he graduated from Bryan College in 1986 with a BA in history and then from Columbia International University (SC) with an M.Div. in cross-cultural ministry. His wife, Amy (Beckham), '87, and he helped plant a Japanese church in the Tokyo suburbs and he pastored it while they raised their sons.

During a home assignment in 2003, the Lord redirected their steps back to Bob's roots in SIM, the agency with which his parents and grandparents served. Since 2004, he and Amy have had a ministry of selecting, training, and sending missionaries to serve with SIM as well as assisting in the reentry process upon the missionaries' return.

Bob and Amy have two sons, Alan and Andrew.



**Rev. Bob Hay**  
*Recruiting Consultant  
and Life Coach - SIM USA*



# Homecoming Schedule



## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

- Registration** 10:00am-7:00pm  
 Second floor, Latimer Student Center (next to bookstore)  
 Come sign in, see who's here, get a 15%-off coupon for the Lion's Pride campus store, and receive an alumni mug or other great gift!
- Alumni Golf Tournament** 11:30am  
 Dayton Golf & Country Club – Swing a club with your buddies while renewing old friendships. Lunch is included along with goodie bags. Reserve your team of 4 today! If you do not have a team, we can place you in a foursome.
- Lion Cubs** 5:30pm-9:00pm  
 Drop off & pick up Cubs in Mercer Hall main lobby (the old Fishbowl). For children ages 3 - 11. Bryan College students will teach Bible stories and show your Cubs how to make some great crafts. This time is designed for parents to enjoy fellowship with classmates while your children have some fun of their own. Includes dinner & snacks.
- Good Ol' Days Dinner** 5:30pm  
 Rhea County Room, Latimer Student Center – Classes 1970 & previous. Enjoy a delicious served dinner as you reconnect with old friends and make new ones.
- Class of 2011 Welcome Back Dinner** 5:30pm  
 Spoede Café – Welcoming back our newest alumni. All you can eat Mo Mo's BBQ, and includes sides, drinks, and dessert.
- Class of 2006- 5 Year Reunion Dinner** 6:00pm  
 Alumni Rhea House back porch – All you can eat Mo Mo's BBQ, and includes sides, drinks, and dessert
- Milestone Reunions** 6:00pm  
 Brock Hall – All class years are welcomed to this dinner! Highlighting the classes of 1971, 1976, 1981, 1991, 1996, 2001. Fellowship with classmates!
- 25th Reunion Dinner** 6:30pm  
 Library, 2nd floor – Class of 1986 Yes, it has been 25 years since we walked the halls of Bryan as students, and for some this will be the first time to return "home." We want an awesome turnout, so please make your plans now to come and renew friendships.

- Dawgs at the Ballpark** 7:30pm  
**Baseball Reunion Dinner & Game**  
 Senter Field – Every baseball player who has ever played for Bryan College is invited and encouraged to attend and play! Featuring Dawgs, Brats, Cracker Jacks, and much more!  
*"Take me out to the ball game!"*
- Coffee House** 8:00pm  
 Latimer Student Center Dining Hall – Enjoy a coffee bar & dessert with friends from every class from Bryan College. Featuring hits from the 50's. Sweet treats & sweet fellowship!
- Alumni Rugby Game** 8:00pm  
 YMCA Field: *"Ouch!"*
- Alumni Soccer Game** 8:30pm  
 Main soccer field – Alumni vs. Alumni! Ace bandages & ice packs are available upon request!
- Alumni Basketball Game** 9:00pm  
 Summers Gymnasium – Alumni vs. Alumni - feel the sweat, feel the heat, feel the pain. Make sure to pack your Advil!



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

- Breakfast on the Bluff** 8:00am-10:30am  
 New event this year! Join us at Fort Bluff Camp on Dayton Mountain for a light breakfast with a spectacular view off the bluff. You won't want to miss this! Hiking & camp tours available. <http://www.fortbluff.com>
- Registration** 9:30am-11:00am  
 (closed during lunch 2:00pm-5:00pm)  
 Lunch tickets will be available at Tailgate lunch.) Second floor, Latimer Student Center (near Lion's Pride campus store)  
 Come sign in, see who's here, get a 15%-off coupon for the campus shop (last chance to shop during homecoming), and receive an alumni mug or other great gift!





- **Alumni Choir Rehearsal** 10:00am  
Choir Room – Dr. David Luther will lead Chorale/Chamber alumni along with Fall Chorale as you prepare to sing at the Alumni Awards Dinner. *"Make a joyful noise!"*
- **Campus Tours for Teens of Alumni** 10:30am  
Pass on your Bryan College heritage to your kids. Free gift for each participant.
- **Tailgate Lunch** 12 noon  
Practice Soccer Fields – Enjoy a BBQ lunch for the whole family on the field, while you visit with your faculty favorites! Festivities will include a bouncy playground for the kids, balloons, temporary tattoos, good eats, great fellowship, & much more!
- **Men's Soccer** 2:00pm  
Main Soccer Field – Bryan College varsity men square off against Point University. *"Come cheer on our Lions!"*
- **Planned Giving Seminar** 3:00pm – 4:30pm  
Spoede Cafe – Come learn about estate design and how this unique no-cost, no-obligation service can help you in your stewardship of what God has entrusted to you.
- **Lion Cubs** 5:30pm-9:00pm  
Drop off & pick up Cubs in Mercer Hall main lobby (the old Fishbowl). For children ages 3 - 11.
- **Alumni Dinner & Awards** 6:00pm  
Latimer Student Center Dining Hall – Celebrate our heritage of being a Bryan Lion. Enjoy a delicious dinner as you hear what is ahead for Bryan College from President Livesay & Alumni Director David Tromahäuser. Past sports Hall of Fame inductees come cheer on our newest members. We are taking nominations for "Alumnus of the Year" at [bryanalumni.org](http://bryanalumni.org). "Young Alumnus of the Year" will be presented to a younger alum who is making a difference in today's world. So be sure to go online and look at the criteria for these and cast your vote today!

**\*\*\*please check our website and register at [bryan.edu/homecoming](http://bryan.edu/homecoming)\*\*\***



### **LION FAST PASS INFORMATION** **(Only available until October 3, A la Carte pricing thereafter)**

One low price that includes MOST events! Cost \$35  
(saves most people at least \$15 as compared to a la carte pricing)

#### **Includes:**

Friday night dinner plus Dawgs at the Ballpark if you want to eat there too, Breakfast on the Bluff, Tailgate Lunch, Alumni Awards Dinner, & free Lion Cubs for the kids (ages 3-11)

#### **A la Carte pricing**

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Alumni Golf   | \$60 |
| Friday Dinners                                      | \$20 |
| 2011 Welcome Back Dinner                            | \$10 |
| 2006- 5 Year Reunion                                | \$10 |
| Dawgs at the Ballpark                               | \$5  |
| Breakfast on the Bluff                              | \$5  |
| Tailgate Lunch                                      | \$5  |
| Alumni Awards Dinner                                | \$20 |
| Lion Cubs (ages 3-11)                               |      |
| Friday night \$5/child (\$20 max for each family)   |      |
| Saturday night \$5/child (\$20 max for each family) |      |

#### **Questions?**

**Ask Paulakay at [alumni@bryan.edu](mailto:alumni@bryan.edu)**

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

- **Alumni Chapel** 10:00am  
Rudd Auditorium – This is always the highlight of our weekend and a great way to end your Homecoming with us. Rev. Bob Hay, '86, will be speaking.



- **6th Annual BC Bonfire & Battle of the Bands** 9:00pm  
Fireside at the Alumni Rhea House. Toast marshmallows, make a s'more, drink some cocoa, listen to some great music & enjoy old & new friends. Current students also will be there to meet you!



# Area Lodging

*Make your reservations early  
motels fill up fast*

**Dayton, TN 37321**  
(5-10 minute drive from campus)

**America's Best Value Inn**  
7875 Rhea County Hwy  
423.775.9190

**Best Western**  
7835 Rhea County Hwy  
423.775.6560

**The Cottage**  
(A house with a spectacular view)  
Located off Blythes Ferry Road  
423.834.1367

**Fehn's 1891 House**  
(Bed & Breakfast)  
449 Delaware Avenue  
423.775.1892

**Holiday Inn Express**  
(preferred)  
2650 Rhea County Hwy  
423.570.0080  
Ask for Bryan College discount.

**Spring City, TN 37381**  
(25 minute drive from campus)

**Howard Johnson**  
22500 Rhea County Hwy  
423.365.9191  
423.365.9195 (Fax)  
Ask for the special Bryan College rate of  
\$72.95 per night (normally \$99.99).

**Soddy Daisy, TN 37379**  
(30 minute drive from campus)

**Hometown Inn**  
Hwy 27, Soddy-Daisy/  
Sequoyah Rd Exit  
222 Sequoyah Road  
423.332.7755  
reservations@  
hometowninnsoddydaisy.com

**Athens, TN 37303**  
(35-45 minute drive from campus)

**Days Inn**  
2541B Decatur Pike  
423.745.5800

**Econo Lodge**  
2620 Decatur Pike  
423.774.8200

**Hampton Inn**  
I-75 Hwy 30, Exit 49  
1821 Holiday Drive  
423.745.2345

**Holiday Inn Express**  
1819 Holiday Drive  
423.649.0003

**Ramada Inn & Conference Center**  
I-75, Exit 52  
115 County Road, 247  
423.745.1212

**Super 8 Motel**  
2541 Decatur Pike  
423.745.4500


**Hixson, Tn 37343**  
(40-45 minute drive from campus)

**Comfort Inn**  
4833 Hixson Pike  
423.877.8388

**Hampton Inn**  
1920 Hamill Road  
(adjacent to Hwy 153)  
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